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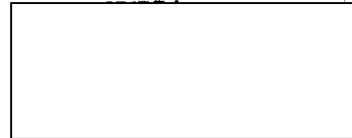
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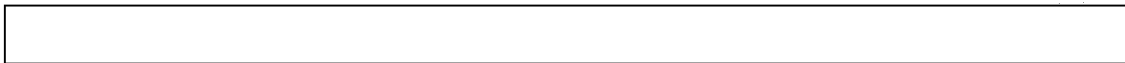


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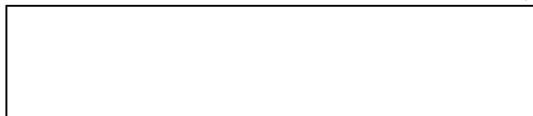
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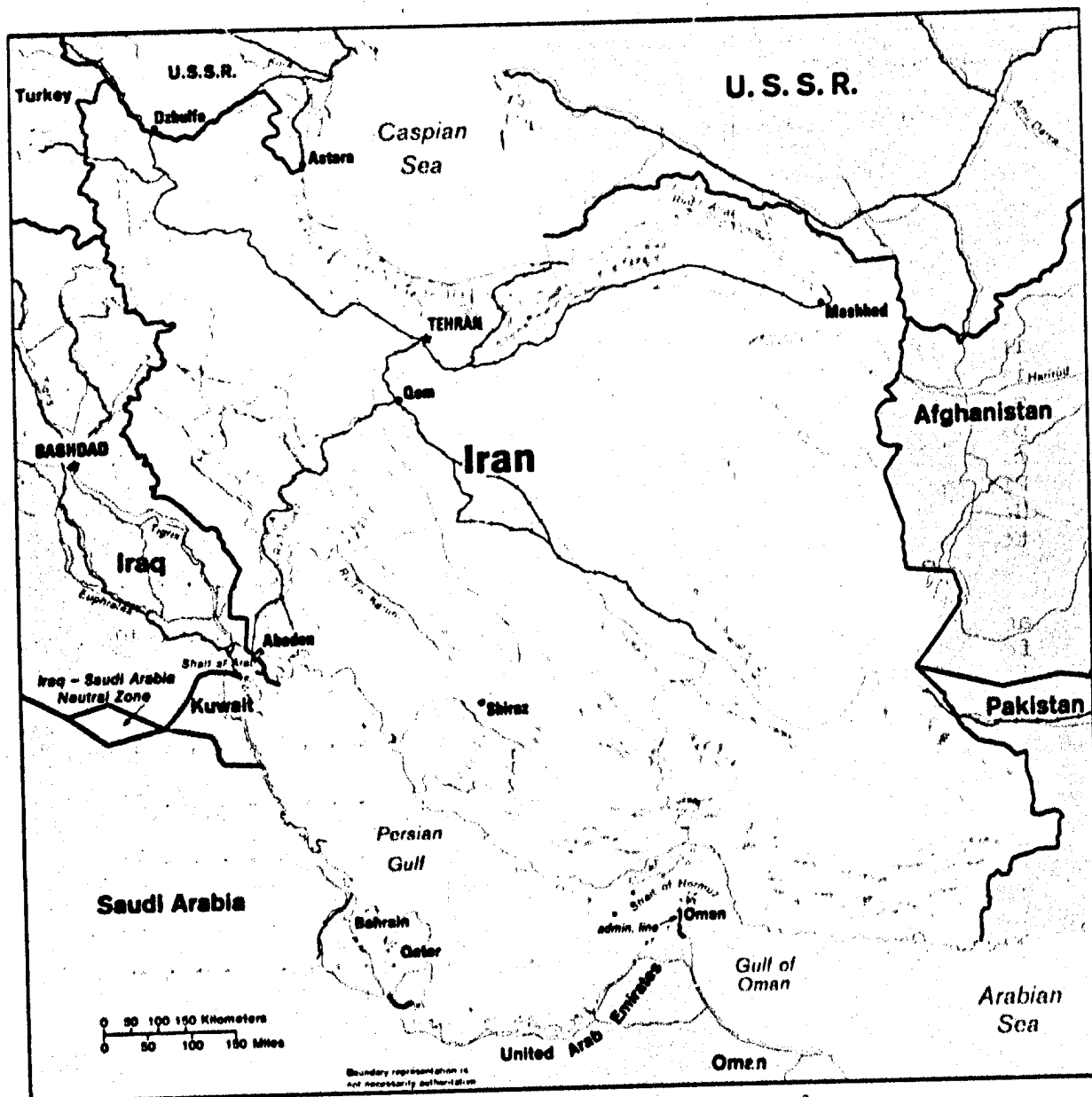
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## SITUATION REPORT

### IRAN

*Clashes between Muslim and leftist groups continued at universities throughout Iran over the weekend despite orders from the Revolutionary Council to end the fighting; last night the Council ordered the universities closed until tomorrow.* [ ]

At least one person has died in Tehran where leftist Mujahedin students early today agreed to end their sit-in which was intended to prevent the government from closing their political offices. In Mashhad, 350 people were injured and the Mujahedin headquarters was surrounded; it too will be vacated today. Groups at Shiraz University, where some of the most serious fighting had taken place, have turned the college over to university officials. In Abadan, an agreement has also been reached. President Bani-Sadr and Revolutionary Council spokesman Habibi met yesterday with the heads of various colleges to discuss the situation. (U)

The militants holding the hostages have contacts among these Muslim activists--who also call themselves followers of Khomeini's line--and are undoubtedly watching these events closely to see how much support they generate. The influential Qom Theological Seminary has come out in support of purging the universities of leftists. The purges seem to have garnered considerable public support. [ ]

### Soviet Propaganda

Soviet propaganda claims that Moscow has already begun efforts to circumvent a possible US blockade of Iran. Advertisements carried in the English-language "Moscow News Weekly" over the past month have referred to a "reliable and beneficial container landbridge" to Iran. An article in that same paper said cargo from Western Europe is pouring into Iran and that transit of Iranian imports via Soviet territory is of "vital importance" to Iran because of a threatened US economic blockade. [ ]

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Iran-Iraq

Both Baghdad and Tehran kept up their war of words over the weekend, but there were no reports of new clashes. Some fighting is continuing between Iranian Kurds and government forces seeking to reinforce the border with Iraq.

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## EC-IRAN: Possible Sanctions

Q The EC states will probably approve some sanctions against Iran at the Foreign Ministers' meeting opening tonight in Luxembourg. [redacted]

The arrival of Japanese Foreign Minister Okita there to discuss joint sanctions provides a strong indication that the EC Foreign Ministers will reach a decision tomorrow, rather than delay it until the EC heads of government meeting on Sunday. Japan has indicated that it will go along with any EC sanctions decision. [redacted]

Most EC governments are reluctant to incur the costs of economic and political sanctions and believe that they will be ineffective or even counterproductive. Nevertheless, the EC states feel that they must take some action to demonstrate solidarity with the US. [redacted]

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